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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

STAFNE DEFEATS MORALES FOR CHAIR

By KRISTEN CATES, Great Falls Tribune (10/29/07)

There will be several new faces leading the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux tribal council starting today.

In elections held on Saturday, Tribal Chairman John Morales Jr. was defeated by former council member A.T. "Rusty" Stafne for the top seat on the council.

SCHWEITZER EXPECTS STATE ECONOMY TO COOL

By SUSAN GALLAGHER of the Associated Press

HELENA - Gov. Brian Schweitzer anticipates a cooling of Montana's economy, which has been hot enough to send unemployment to record lows, lift slumbering wages and allow tax rebates.

"I don't think it can maintain at the same rate that we have for the past three years," Schweitzer told the Associated Press.

CONFERENCE TO LOOK AT CYCLE OF VIOLENCE IN NATIVE HOMES

By JODI RAVE, Lee Enterprises - 10/29/07

MISSOULA — Tribal community members and health service providers are invited to discuss the trauma

associated with physical, spiritual and emotional violence in Native homes.

STONE CHILD COLLEGE CASHES IN ON GRANTS

By ALAN SORENSEN, Havre Daily News (10/26/07)

Rewards for Stone Child College grant writers and RJS and Associates Inc. of Rocky Boy efforts totaled \$6,256,183 in grants this year, some of which started producing funds on Oct. 1. "We're very excited here at Stone Child College," President Melody Henry said. The tribal college at Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation won't receive all of the money this year because many of the grants come in two- to five-year disbursements.

COBELL, GOVERNMENT TO FILE CLOSING REMARKS IN LAWSUIT

By JODI RAVE of the Missoulian (10/29/07)

The 11-year legal battle pitting a half-million Native landowners against the U.S. government has closed another chapter, but it isn't over yet.

A 10-day trial wrapped up late last week in the Cobell v. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

Lawyers on both sides have 36 days to present written closing arguments to the newly appointed federal judge overseeing the case.